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SUBJECT: PEKING REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC GOALS--NEW PUSH ON
TACHAI

1. AFFIRMING THE REGIME'S COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND PARTICULARLY TO BUILDING A "POWERFUL MODERN SOCIALIST" CHINA BEFORE THE END OF THE CENTURY, THE STATE COUNCIL YESTERDAY CONVENED A NATIONAL ON-THE-SPOT CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT MODEL TACHAI (NCNA ENGLISH SEPTEMBER 15). WITH THE PURPOSE OF BOOSTING THE CAMPAIGN TO EMULATE TACHAI AND ALSO TO "DISCUSS HOW TO FULFILL THE TASK OF FARM MECHANIZATION IN THE MAIN BY 1980," SEVEN POLITBURO LEADERS HEADED BY TENG HSIAO-PING, CHIANG CHING AND YAO WEN-YUAN LED THE CENTER'S TURNOUT. IN THE SPEECH RELEASED BY NCNA, TACHAI'S MODEL PEASANT/ POLITBURO MEMBER, CHEN YUNG-KUEI, LAUDED THE EMULATION CAMPAIGN OF THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS BUT ARGUED THAT THE PACE OF CHINA'S

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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDED FURTHER STEPPING UP. POINT-

ING THE WAY FOR A NEW DRIVE TO EMULATE TACHAI, CHEN IMPLIED THAT THIS CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE THE IMPETUS FOR FURTHER ATTENTION.

2. THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS IMPORTANT FOR ITS REVELATIONS OF LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN ON TENG HSIAO-PING'S SPEECH, THE FACT THAT HE CONVEYED GREETINGS FROM THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE/STATE COUNCIL AND "THE CORDIAL EXPECTATIONS OF THE GREAT LEADER CHAIRMAN MAO" CONFIRMS HIS LEADING POSITION IN THE PARTY/STATE HIERARCHY, CHIANG CHING'S APPEARANCE IN SECOND POSITION AMONG THE LEADERS PRESENT INDICATES THAT SHE HAS NOT LOST ALL OF HER CLOUT AT THE CENTER DESPITE HER PROLONGED NON-APPEARANCE AND THE DEARTH OF PUBLIC MENTION OF HER CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS (HK 5788). THE APPEARANCE OF YAO WEN-YUAN FURTHER SUPPORTS HIS MORE PROMINENT LEADERSHIP STATUS AND LIKELY ATTESTS TO PROPAGANDA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW EMULATION DRIVE. HUA KUO-FENG'S PRESIDING AT THE CONFERENCE FURTHER CONFIRMS HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN AGRICULTURE (HK A-146) AND PROBABLY TIPS HIM AS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR AGRICULTURE POLICY IN THE POLITBURO. THE NCNA STORY ALSO CONFIRMS FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT WANG CHEN HAS BECOME SHANSI'S PARTY FIRST SECRETARY/REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AS WE EARLIER PROJECTED (HK 2755).

3. COMMENT: PEKING'S ATTENTION TO TACHAI AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMING HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE RECENT ATTENTION TO STUDY OF THE SHUI HU CHUAN (HK 10241) SERVES AS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT CHINA IS NOT ABOUT TO BE DISTRACTED FROM ITS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS. REAFFIRMATION OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS DECISIONS WAS MADE JUST A FEW DAYS EARLIER BY HUA KUO-FENG IN HIS SPEECH IN TIBET FOR THE PROVINCE'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND THIS "UNITED" TURNOUT OF LEADERSHIP PERSONALITIES ONLY GIVES FURTHER POINT TO THE CONTINUED ACCEPTANCE OF THIS THEME AT THE CENTER.

4. OF THE MAJOR ECONOMIC POINTS COVERED AT THE CONFERENCE, "ACCELERATING FARM MECHANIZATION" WAS GIVEN PROMINENT NATIONAL STATUS AND LINKED TO THE CREATION OF MORE "TACHAI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TYPE COUNTIES". HOWEVER, THE MESSAGE OF TACHAI--INVOLVING THE MOBILIZATION OF MANPOWER TO IMPROVE BASIC LAND FEATURES AND WATER CONTROL LEADING TO HIGHER YIELDS, ACCUMULATION, AND EVENTUALLY INCREASED MECHANIZATION--IS ONE REQUIRING PERSISTENT AND DOGGED APPLICATION. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW RENEWED ATTENTION TO TACHAI CAN "ACCELERATE" THE PROCESS.
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